THE SPEECH OF

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On *Tueſday the Ninth day of* June 1702.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I had but too confidently hoped that I ſhould never have occaſion to ſpeak from this Place to you under ſuch Circumſtances.

This Kingdom has lately got ſo ſore a Wound in the Head, that it is impoſſible but the whole Body, and every Member of it, muſt have a deep Senſe and be feelingly affected with it.

GOD has called from us our great Deliverer, a Good, a Wiſe, a Juſt and an Heroick King, to the Glory for which he was fitted; He went to fulneſs of Joy, and left us in a full Meaſure of Grief.

Never did People ſtand in greater need than we of a powerful and cordial Conſolation, and the merciful GOD has been pleaſed ſeaſonably to give us the moſt ſuteable One that our Hearts could imagine or wiſh for, by ſetting our Soveraign Queen ANNE, whoſe Right it is upon the Throne, who has given ſo full proof in the whole courſe of her Life, of her ſtableneſs in and fidelity to the Proteſtant Religion, as may convince us that there is a Bleſſing from on high about her.

Her Majeſties moſt Gracious Letter, and his Grace my Lord Commiſſioner his diſcourſe upon it, are ſo full and plain, that they need no Commentary or Illuſtration; So that there is little left for me to ſay.

Only I would entreat you to call to remembrance the great Dangers this Nation was in Fourteen years ago, the great Deliverance it met with by the hand of our late King of ever Glorious Memory; The great Benefits and Advantages which it has enjoyed in the Thirteen years of his Auſpicious Reign by the Excellent Eſtabliſhment of our Religion, Laws and Liberties upon the ſure and ſolid Foundation.

I entreat you likewiſe to conſider, that Her Sacred *Majeſty* now our Soveraign gives us ſo expreſs aſſurance of Her firm Reſolution to maintain and protect us in the full Poſſeſſion of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and of the *Presbyterian* Government of the Church, as at preſent eſtabliſhed; and that Her Majeſty will aim at nothing more than the preſerving and ſecuring to us the Enjoyment of the Advantages we got by our deliverance from Popery and arbitrary Power, and having our ancient Rights and Priviledges reſtored

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to us, that every one will rely upon it, and rest assured who is a sincere Protestant and duely affected with the Goodness and Favour of GOD in ordering and accomplishing the happy Revolution.

After the Royal Word given of a Person of so known Probity as Her Majesty is, it may be thought unnecessary to add any thing; Yet I must say it cannot be but a great satisfaction to us to see that the Interest of Her Majesty and Her People are united to confirm Her Majesty in her wise and gracious Resolution; And that her Majesty adheres to the Alliances made by, and follows the Methods wherein Her Majesties glorious Predecessor was necessarly engaged for preserving the Liberties of *Europe*, for supporting the Protestant Religion, for maintaining the interest of Her own Kingdoms, and for resenting the Indigniry offered against Her Majesty & them by the *French* King, in his owning the pretended Prince of *Wales* as King of Her Majesties Dominions.

An other clear Evidence of Her Majesties gracious Intentions towards us, is, That she is so disposed to contribute Her utmost Endeavours for accomplishing an Union of Her two Kingdoms in this Island, and considers it as a thing necessary for the Security and Happiness of them both.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am confident when you have duly pondered her Majesties Letter, and his Grace my Lord Commissioners Discourse, That all Doubtings, Jealousies and Animosities will fly away, and you will be disposed to receive your Soveraigns Message with loving Hearts, and resolve to act and give a kind dutiful and suteable return by complying to all what Her Majesty has proposed in all the parts of it, nothing being required by her Majesty of us, but what is evidently necessar for our own Security and Happiness.

Her Majesty having so earnestly recommended to you the providing competent Supplies for maintaining such a number of Forces as may be necessary against the design of Her and our Enemies. It is certainly requisite that we effectually do it so, as her Majesty may be supported to the utmost of the Nations power in prosecuting the War in which her Majesty, her Kingdoms and her Allies are engaged.

If our actings in this Juncture shall be such as her Majesty doth hope and expect, it will tend to our everlasting Reputation, a Foundation will be laid of that firm Union and true Understanding between her Majesty and her People as will advance the happiness of both, and be of vast advantage both to our Honour and to our interest, by engaging to us the Hearts and good Will of our Soveraign and of our Neighbours in her Dominions.

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